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In re Application of

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KLAUS MELGAARD ET AL.

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Examiner: M.OCAMPO

REMOVABLE FILTERS AND WATER HEATING VESSELS INCORPORATING
SUCH

Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4,
2002, please amend the above-identified case as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 7 and 14 without prejudice and add the
following new claim:

15. A filter for use in a water heating vessel for
removing sedimentary material, including scale, from the
water, wherein the filter comprises a first mesh material
provided with a frame and a scale collector, separate from
said first mesh material and coupled to the frame, said scale